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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Spring Hill Farm c. 1890-1900 is a 2½ story four bay by two room weatherboard frame house on Foots Road just south of Ridge Road. The house faces east with the main gable running north/south.

The 2½ story frame rests on a full fieldstone basement and is covered with a steeply pitched slate roof with two gabled single pane sash. The eaves to the roof are extended and the soffits sloped. A centrally located brick stack rises out of the main block.

The east elevation has four single pane sash windows on each floor. The front entrance used to occupy the second bay from the north but has been closed up and replaced with a window. A pent eave has been added between the first and second floor so as to tie in the north end 1½ frame addition. A single pane sash window lights the attic above the addition's peak.

The south end has a single story bay window on the eastern of the two gable end bays. A single pane sash window lights the western bay as well as the second floor.

The western elevation has a shed porch that covers the first floor, a central door is flanked by a single window. Two single pane sash windows light the second floor.

The north end is primarily covered by the story and a half addition.

The interior woodwork has remained basically intact. The front hall is located in the northeast corner and the stair rises against the back wall. A square newel post supports a urn shaped finial turned balusters support a molded handrail. Four panel doors are found throughout the house and are framed by plain surrounds with corner blocks.

Farm structures that remain include a 1½ story box frame barn on fieldstone foundation. Special note of the siding should be made since each vertical board has pairs of holes approximately three feet apart. A two story frame granary with side storage bins stands next to the barn.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house on the tract known as Spring Hills is the second of two homes on the site. The present frame house is built on an earlier foundation. The previous house was a stone structure according to the tax records. Issac Reynolds, who owned the property in the mid to late 19th Century was assessed for 156 acres and a stone house valued at \$2250. This 1877 assessment stays the same until it is marked out in 1895, which may be the time the house burned. The late 19th Century frame house is a sturdy 22 story four bay by two room block executed without the typical period trim. Who Reynolds family, who were undoubtedly esponsible for the rebuilding, were Quakers like most of the area sidents. This may have had something to do with the plainess of the structure, however it is known not all Quakers were as plain and unassuming as some believe. The present floor plan is oddly enough similar to another house, the Thomas Richards house. Each house has the hall in the same location. The Spring Hill farmhouse is however, one room deeper than the Thomas Richards! House. Whether or not the earlier stone house had a similar floor plan as the Thomas Richards House is left to question at this moment. The other important aspect of this farm is the use of the "Raft Lumber" for vertical siding on the barn. The mpairs of holes do not correspond to any method of attaching the vertical boards to the timber frame.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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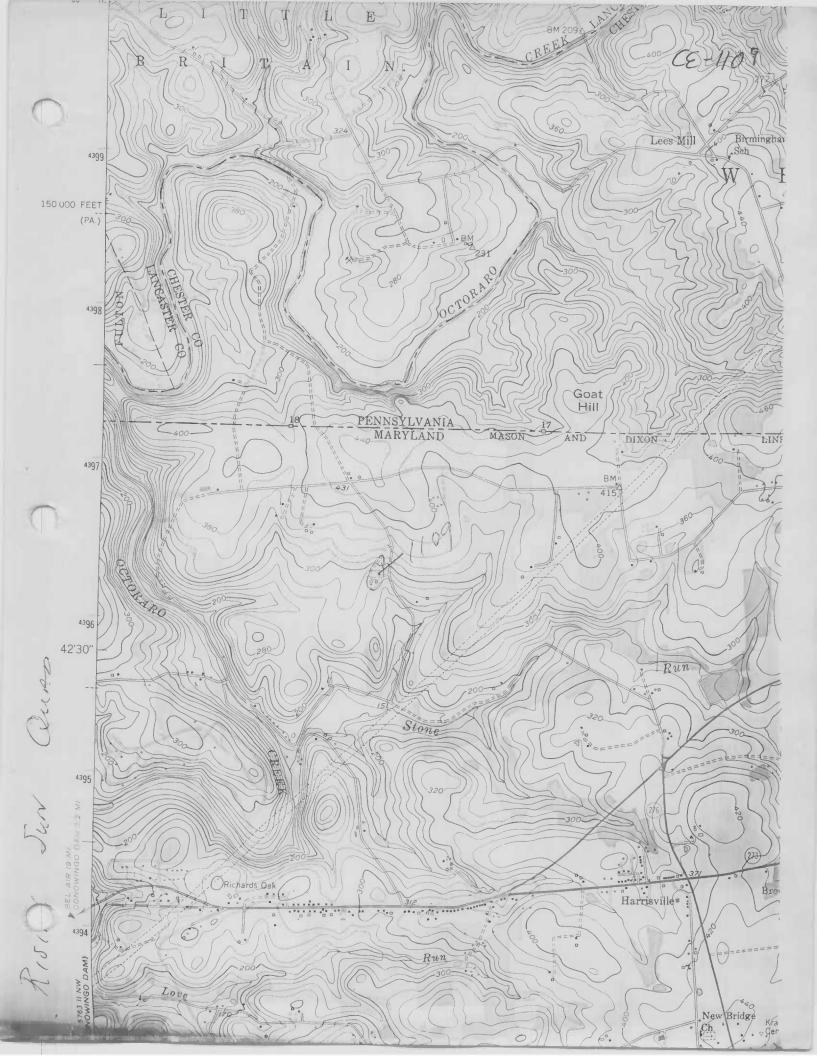
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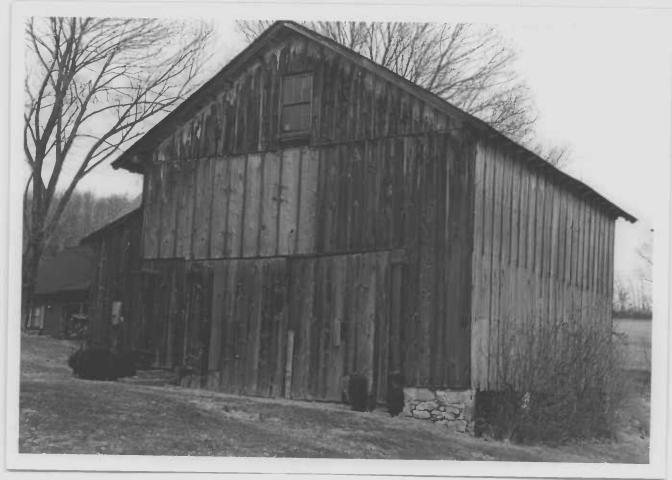




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